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NEUTRAL STEAMSHIP
FALLS TO SUBMARINE
IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

Norse Collier, Picking Way
Through Strait, Sinks
Near Scene of Disaster
to Norwegian Vessel Bel-
ridge.

Regin Goes Down in Quarter of
an Hour—Crew Saved by
Nearby Ships, But Lose All
Their Possessions—Taken
to Dover.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A Berlin wireless received here tonight says that the steamship Regin, of the Clyde line, from Charleston, S. C., to Bremen, Germany, with cotton, struck a mine off the German coast in the North Sea and has gone to the bottom.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Another neutral vessel fell victim today to the German submarine. The Norwegian steamship Regin was torpedoed in the English Channel off Dover between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning. She sank in less than 15 minutes. Several Channel ships closed in about her and picked up the 22 members of her crew, who were obliged to abandon their possessions. They were taken to Dover.

The Regin is the second neutral vessel sunk to the bottom by German submarines since the Von Tirpitz submarine blockade against merchantmen was launched.

The first victim also was a Norwegian vessel, the Belridge, which was torpedoed off Folkestone on February 19. The Regin was sunk today in almost the same spot, indicating that the submarine torpedos still constitute a menace to trade.

The Regin, of 184 tons, was en route from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Bordeaux, laden with coal. She did not heed the warning of the German Admiralty to neutral vessels to take the route around the north of Scotland. Instead she sailed through the North Sea, hugging the British coast, and was proceeding through the channel when attacked.

The sinking of the Belridge last Friday aroused intense indignation in Norway. The second attack upon a Norwegian steamship by German submarines is expected to bring a protest lodged in most embassies and consulates. The German Government, Norway is not likely to accept the German viewpoint that since the Regin disregarded the warning not to attempt a passage of the channel she was at her own risk. The Norwegian Embassy here, however, refused to make any comment this afternoon pending an official report from the captain of the Regin.

The first report received here from Dover said that the cooler had sunk a few miles off that port, but that it was not known whether she had been torpedoed or had struck a mine. A later dispatch stated definitely that the Regin had been torpedoed by one of the German submarines waiting in the channel to attack British shipping or British transports. It is presumed that this information came from members of the crew after they were landed at Dover.

BRITISH VESSEL REPORTED
VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

EASTBOURNE, England, Feb. 23.—A steamship, believed to be a British collier, is in distress about 12 miles from Eastbourne. It is believed that she has been attacked by a German submarine.

Great quantities of steam are rising from her. A lifeboat has gone to her assistance from Eastbourne.

Eastbourne is a famous watering place in the County of Sussex. It is on the coast.

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THE WEATHER

CLOUDY

Pretty nice weather for a holiday, wasn't it? And, further than that, it was rather convenient to have a day off from Monday. The best is yet to come, Decoration Day and the Fourth of July both arrive on Sunday, which means the celebration on Monday. Not so bad, eh? That means two and a half consecutive days for the holiday on those occasions. It would not be a bad idea to have always thought for the powers that be simply to do away with movable feasts as far as days of the week are concerned and decree that the holidays should all be celebrated on the nearest Monday to the accurate date. It would not be as pleasant from the sentimental point of view, but the man who genuinely appreciates a day off cares little about sentiment. However, we'd better wake up. But you can't blame us.

Why shouldn't we warm up on the weather doesn't?

FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—
Unsettled, with probably rain tonight
and Wednesday; slightly warmer to-
night; fresh southerly winds.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia
S. A. M.

Barometer 30.20
Thermometer 54.00
Wind S.W. 10 miles
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Relative humidity 66 per cent
Minimum temperature 32.00
Maximum temperature 58.00

Almanac of the Day
Sun sets 6:45 p. m.
Moon sets 1:25 a. m.
Mars sets 1:25 a. m.

Lamps to Be Lighted
Aster and other vehicles 6:55 p. m.

THE TIDES
PORT RICHMOND
High water 9:38 a. m.
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CELESTIAL STREET WHARF
High water 9:38 a. m.
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WOMEN HOLD BALANCE
OF POWER IN CHICAGO POLL

Large Vote at Primary—Four Candidates
for Mayorality Hopeful.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A heavy vote was being cast early today in the aldermanic primary, long lines of men and women being at the polls before the opening despite a light rain.

Women vied with men for positions in the line. The women were conceded to hold the balance of power in the election, there being 218,712 women registered to 447,199 men.

State's Attorney Hoyne's men this morning arrested 15 men on charges of intimidation and alleged fraud. Special police reserves to the number of 200 were held in readiness to be rushed to booths where intimidation of voters was expected.

Each of the four leading candidates for Mayor was confident of the nomination. Mayor Carter H. Harrison, candidate for a sixth term, predicted victory by 35,000 to 45,000. Robert M. Sweitzer, Roger Sullivan's candidate for the Democratic nomination against Harrison, saw himself named by 50,000. Judge Harry Olson and William Hale Thompson, rivals for the Republican nomination, predicted victory by 50,000 and 40,000 votes respectively.

LAUGHING BEAUTIES GAIN
RAPID TRANSIT RECRUITS

"Dancing Around" Girls Wage Win-
ning Campaign With Buttons.

Two carloads of laughing beauties, framed in fluffy gowns, furbelows and smiles, descended upon the shopping district this afternoon and stopped traffic in all directions. They were the pick of the "Dancing Around" company's chorus and carried thousands of transit buttons which they pinned on the coats of every one who passed wherever they happened to stop.

Starting from the Lyric Theatre, where the show is now playing, the girls drove their two autos to Ledger Central at Broad and Chestnut streets and tagged every one who got within arm's length. When business men and youths out for lunch saw who was doing the tagging, they were a general center rush for buttons.

"You must keep it on till you have rapid transit," said one violet-eyed girl, as she pinned a button on the lapel of a gray-haired business man.

"I'll do it for your sake," said the man. Down Chestnut street the girls were whisked, and they showered everybody with buttons enroute. Then they sped to Market street, and stopping, outside of Lit Brothers' store, won many hundreds more transit supporters with a button and a smile. In a few minutes they were the center of attention when Follicleman Hallenbeck went to lead the trouble beauty blockade tagged in several times. The girls then dashed out, and every one who stopped they added hundreds to the cause of rapid transit.

GIRL IS PRISONER IN
TABERNACLE, CHARGE

Detainers Said to Be Members
of Pastor-Russell's Party in
Brooklyn.

Ruth Galbraith, the 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Galbraith, formerly of Philadelphia, is being detained against her will in the annex of Pastor Russell's tabernacle in Brooklyn, N. Y., according to Eugene Raymond, an attorney who has brought habeas corpus proceedings for the possession of the girl before Judge Brown in the Municipal Court.

Miss Galbraith is the half sister of Mrs. M. J. Hollister, wife of William J. Hollister, said to be one of the Pastor Russell's press agents. In the writ, which calls for the surrender of the girl and is returnable in two weeks, the name of Pastor Russell does not appear. According to the lawyer, however, Russell denies all knowledge of the whereabouts of the missing young woman.

The habeas corpus proceedings are the outgrowth of efforts to locate the girl in January, 1913. At that time proceedings were brought in the Orphans' Court in this city, in which the Land Title and Trust Company was made guardian of the girl's estate. The property was bequeathed to her by her father, James F. Galbraith, who before his death was proprietor of a store at 24 and Market streets. The income from the estate is now \$600 per year, but will be increased to \$720 within the next three years.

Several years ago, it is declared, while on an errand to a grocery store, the girl picked up a letter written by Pastor Russell, who now is said to be a millionaire, and carried it home. The article found its way into the hands of her half-sister, who subsequently, against the wishes of her mother, became the bride of Hollister. Last spring the Hollisters went to Atlantic City, where Ruth was making her home with her mother. According to Attorney Raymond, Pastor Russell opened a moving-picture place at the shore resort, and the Hollisters asked Ruth to act in the capacity of usher. Mrs. Galbraith declares, Ruth could not be located.

A demand that the girl be returned to her mother was made by Pastor Russell, who denied knowledge of her whereabouts. When the petition for the writ of habeas corpus is called for a hearing on the nearest Monday to the accurate date, it would not be as pleasant from the sentimental point of view, but the man who genuinely appreciates a day off cares little about sentiment. However, we'd better wake up. But you can't blame us.

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BATTLED WITH WEST PHILADELPHIA FIVE TODAY



The group above is the fast Central High School basketball squad. Reading from left to right, those standing are—E. Jobbin, W. Ward (captain), W. White. The players in the lower row are—A. Tarr, Coach Usalton, W. Butler, R. Fowler and E. De Long.

STATE'S FIRST VICTIM
OF ELECTRIC CHAIR
DIES AT DAYBREAK

New Law of Common-
wealth Enforced With-
out the Slightest Mis-
chance at the Peniten-
tiary Near Bellefonte.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Feb. 23.—John Talap died at gray dawn today in the new deathhouse of the Western Penitentiary, a few miles east of here. He was Pennsylvania's first victim of the electric chair. Talap was in the chair exactly eight minutes before he was pronounced dead. The execution was absolutely devoid of any ghastliness and was a vindication of the law substituting electricity for hanging. Talap was a Pottstown man. He murdered his wife.

The 23 men in the room had but a fleeting glimpse of Talap's face as he was brought in between two guards. Then the heavy death mask was clamped over his face. One solemn feature of the execution stood out above all others. It was the figure of the Greek Catholic priest, who had spent the night in the cell with Talap. He knelt on a mat directly in front of the death chair. In his hand was a crucifix and the priest's manual of prayer.

The priest's face bore a look of glorious calm. Not the shadow of a tremor, not the least tightening of the muscles showed. He knelt motionless as a statue until the young-looking physician turned and said: "Gentlemen: I pronounce this man dead."

PHILADELPHIAN PULLS SWITCH.
A Philadelphian pulled the switch that sent Talap to eternity.

It is an unwritten law of executions that those who do the actual killing be

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WILSON DEFENDS HIS CHOICE
Considers Minority Members of Trade
Board Republicans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Information in regard to the dissatisfaction of Senators with President Wilson's appointments to the Interstate Trade Commission has not reached the White House.

President Wilson said today that he considered W. H. Parry, of Seattle, and George Rublee, of New Hampshire, to be Republicans and that he did not think the Republican Senators had any cause for complaint against them on the question of party regularity.

REBELLIOUS PIUTES DISLODGED
Indians, Driven From Cow Canon,
Fortify New Stand.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 23.—According to a dispatch received late today the rebelling Piute Indians, who are entrenched in Cow Canon, were driven from that place and, with reinforcements, are fortifying themselves against a settlement known as Butler's Wash, which is eight miles west of Bluff.

A strong posse is organizing in Bluff to advance on the Indian's position.

HEAVY STORM IN WEST
CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A severe sleet storm raged today in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and the Dakotas, following the mild weather of the past week.

The storm was moving eastward and will be followed by much lower temperatures. Wire service across the storm area is seriously crippled.

Baby's Body Found in Creek
The body of a newborn baby was found floating today in Frankford Creek at Pratt street by two boys, who notified the police of the find. The body was taken to the morgue.THE UPRIGHT MAN IS
ONLY GOOD CITIZEN,
SAYS BILLY SUNDAY

Evangelist Praises John
D. Rockefeller for "Not
Forgetting God and
Jesus Christ."

"No man is a good citizen of Philadelphia or Boston unless he is upright and against evil. I don't give a rap how much money he has or where he may live. I don't care whether he lives in Overbrook, on Chestnut street or at 8th and Vine street, or on Beacon street or Commonwealth avenue."

That was the way "Billy" Sunday defined a good citizen in the tabernacle this afternoon when he preached one of his most stirring sermons.

He urged all church members to live so close to Jesus Christ that their lives might make the devil wince. At the close of his sermon 113 men and women "hit the sidewalk track."

While speaking of the need of living daily for Christ and of the regulate of sincerity whether a man be rich or poor, "Billy" paid tribute to John D. Rockefeller by saying:

"God gets the tag end of everything from a lot of you people. Yet you want the best. Well, you won't get it. Give God something worth while. I've had a lot of admiration for John D. because he's never forgotten God Almighty and the Lord Jesus Christ with all his business cares. He's always rood four-square on that. Don't you forget it. It matters not what else you may say against him, but close to Jesus Christ that their lives might make the devil wince. At the close of his sermon 113 men and women 'hit the sidewalk track.'"

A plea for the Christian home also was made. Sunday urged that men prove their Christianity so their wives' testimony might get them into heaven.

"Some of you men want to give your wife flowers while she's alive. Instead of

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WOMAN LEAPS FROM
WASHINGTON SHAFT

Plunges 500 Feet to Death—Ill
Health Cause of Sensational
Suicide.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Mrs. W. F. Cockrell, of Delray, Va., leaped 500 feet down the shaft of Washington Monument at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Cockrell rode to within three landings of the top of the monument and, stepping from the elevator, allowed it to pass upward before she leaped down the shaft.

The left a note saying ill health was the cause of her act.

Col. W. W. Harris, superintendent of buildings and grounds, who reached the monument a few minutes after 4 o'clock, closed the main doors at the ground and sent for the coroner. The suicide was the first in the history of the Washington Monument.

The note found on the woman's body was addressed to the woman's husband and read in part:

"Forgive me, sweetheart. This is the only way out. Always remember that I believe you the dearest husband in the world. Please bury my body."

VERDICT AGAINST CITY STANDS
Supreme Court Upholds Finding in
Favor of Westlake Company.

The United States Supreme Court today refused to review a verdict of \$50,000 obtained by the Westlake Street Lighting Company of Chicago in lower Federal court against the city of Philadelphia in litigation growing out of a lighting contract regarding which there was a dispute.

JACK JOHNSON BALKS
AT JUAREZ TRIP; MAY
BECOME REAL CUBAN

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, decided definitely not to go to Mexico unless General Carranza and the other leaders assured him full protection. This decision removes any possibility of his fighting Jess Willard at Juarez.

The negro fighter is determined to keep out of the clutches of American authorities, and he said today that he would become a Cuban citizen if possible. He will visit the office of the Secretary of State tomorrow to learn what steps will be necessary to attain this end.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 23.—Despite the statements of Jack Curley, promoter, and those interested with him, that the fight surely will take place, there is a growing conviction that the championship battle between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard will not be fought at Juarez.

The reason is: Jack Johnson is afraid to go to Mexico. He does not want to be returned to the United States to answer the white slavery and fugitive-from-justice charges holding over him. He believes he will be convicted again and face a term in prison. This would eliminate him from the pugilistic map whether champion or not.

The fact that Johnson hinted that Havana would be a good place for the title bout to be decided bears out this contention. The big black knows he is safe in Cuba and he knows he may not be so in Mexico, especially in Juarez with only a bridge separating him from that country and the United States.

The announcement by Curley that the fight may have to be postponed is taken by those on the outside to mean that the promoter is rather dubious about pulling off the big go. He insists that if the fight is postponed it will be for only a week or so. El Paso wants the fight. The people here want to see a bout for the world's title. But how can they see one if the champion will not be here to step into the ring? And between the lines in Johnson's dispatches to Curley can be seen the fact that the "big smoke" is afraid to place his liberty in jeopardy.

PENN RELAY TO COMPETE
IN THREE-CORNERED RACE

Quaker Team Will Race New York
and Boston Runners.

University of Pennsylvania's famous one-mile relay team has been selected to represent Philadelphia in a three-cornered intercity relay race, to be staged at Newark on Saturday night. They will compete against New York and Boston. This is the first time that the three cities have ever been brought together in such a contest.

The Philadelphia quartet will consist of J. E. Meredith, intercollegiate 400-yard champion and world's record holder for the 800-meter and half-mile; Captain Donald F. Lippincott, joint holder of the world's record for 120 yards; Frank Kaufman and Joe Lockwood. These men can average close to 50 seconds each on an indoor track, and if the Philadelphia team don't win they will make the victors create a new record.

The Boston and New York teams will likewise represent the best quarter milers of those two cities. The Boston team is the one the local men fear most. Twice Boston and New York have met at this distance and both times the New Englanders won.

For the most part the Boston team will be composed of men from the Boston A. A., the star of whose team is Tom Halpin, with a record of 49 seconds for the quarter mile. Halpin and Meredith have had a good many thrilling races, but Meredith has always been able to take the measure of the Bostonian.

All of the Quaker runners are training hard for this event and are in good shape. Captain Lippincott, who ran his first race last week since his injury of nearly a year ago when he pulled a tendon, has completely recovered.

TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

Central High School	17	8	—	25
West Philadelphia High School	14	10	—	24
Central High School, 2d	4	10	—	14
West Phila. High, 2d	16	5	—	21
Swarthmore Preps	10	13	—	23
Chestnut Hill Academy	9	12	—	21
De Lancey School	20	17	—	37
Wilmington Friends' School	17	10	—	27

DUAL TRACK MEET RESULT

Episcopal Academy	21
Central High School	51

'JOKER' TRANSIT ORDINANCE
IS FATALLY DEFECTIVE,
JOHN G. JOHNSON'S OPINIONDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS
IN RAPID TRANSIT FIGHT

John G. Johnson gives opinion that Finance Committee's trick ordinance is legally and "fatally" defective.

Two reasons are given for this opinion. The first is that the ordinance improperly signifies indebtedness of city should be increased to designated sum, "based on assessed valuation of taxable personal property."

The second is that the course of construction is specifically limited and does not include delivery loop. Citizens mobilize in all sections of city to continue fight for Taylor plan or none.

Seven clear-cut questions are to be put to Councilmen and the attitude of every one of the people's representatives is to be placed on public record.

Committee of One Thousand meets to perfect arrangements for great mass-meeting at Academy of Music tomorrow night.

Address by Director Taylor at the Chamber of Commerce, when assistance of commercial bodies is pledged. Germantown, tonight, which will be attended by representatives of every business and fraternal organization in that section.

GIRL'S ELOPEMENT
PLAN SPOILED BY
UPSETTING A CHAIR

Noise Arouses Family and
She Is Caught at Door
With Bag Containing
\$700 While Chugging
Auto Waits at Corner.

A chair upset by 17-year-old Rose Silverstein as she stole through her home, 7118 Germantown avenue, gathering money and jewels, early this morning, aroused J. E. Silverstein, her father, and prevented an elopement.

When Silverstein and his son, Jacob, went out to investigate they found a taxicab chugging at the corner and later came upon Benjamin Leavans, of 148 North 8th street. Leavans was arrested. Miss Silverstein had obtained \$500 in cash and jewelry valued at \$20 when she was interrupted, according to the police.

Silverstein found her at the front door with a bag packed with money and clothing in her hand.

Policeman Ballentine appeared and searched for the occupant of the cab. H. E. Hughes, the chauffeur, said he had been given \$5 to meet a man at the corner. Just then a figure appeared near the Silverstein home and the men gave chase. After a block they caught Leavans, who refused to say what he wanted.

Before Magistrate Penneck, at the Germantown station, he was still reticent. Silverstein identified him as a man who had called at his home two weeks ago, saying he was Robert Lee, and professing admiration for Miss Silverstein. His daughter had tried to run away three months ago, he said. Leavans was held under \$500 bail and taken to City Hall for further examination.

EVELYN SUNK BY MINE,
U. S. AMBASSADOR REPORTS

Official Message Silent on Nationality
of Explosive.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Ambassador Gerard at Berlin today cabled the State Department that a mine caused the destruction of the Evelyn. This first official word that a mine sunk the Evelyn was based upon a report submitted by the American consular agent, Joseph Buck, at Bremen.

The Ambassador said that his latest advice was that the captain and 25 members of the crew were saved. The disaster took place at a point between Borkum Island and Nordsee. The dispatch made no mention of the nationality of the mine.

Boy Overwhelmed by Sand
Buried under two tons of sand when the bottom dropped from the wagon on which he was stealing a ride, near 29th and Jackson streets, George Bozier, 14 years old, 2929 Chestnut street, was internally injured and nearly suffocated before he could be dug out. He is in St. Agnes' Hospital.Man Falls Dead in Saloon
An unidentified man, well dressed and weighing about 150 pounds, dropped dead this afternoon in the saloon of E. A. Gersley, 18th and Butler streets. There were no papers or other means of ascertaining his identity.Lawyer Finds Con-
nelly-Seger Measure
Illegally Framed for
Two Reasons.

Declares the Phrase, "Based on
Assessed Valuation of Tax-
able Personal Property," In-
validates the "Fake" Substi-
tute for Taylor Taxing Plan.

Omission of Provision for Subway
Loop Under Arch, Eighth and Lo-
cust Streets Another Legal Flaw
in Opposition's Proposal, He De-
clares.

PLACES TO GET TICKETS
FOR TRANSIT MASS-MEETING

Tickets for tomorrow night's mass-meeting of citizens called to fight the Connelly transit ordinance, now before Council, can be obtained at the publication office of the Evening Ledger, 8th and Chestnut streets; at Ledger Central and also from members of the Committee of One Thousand.

John G. Johnson this afternoon gave Director Taylor an opinion declaring that the Connelly-Seger-Costello-trick transit ordinance which was reported out of Council's Finance Committee last week was legally and fatally defective.

Mr. Johnson's opinion is based on two defects in the obstructionist's ordinance. First, the provision for raising the city's indebtedness to certain sum "based on the assessed valuation of taxable personal property in said city" Mr. Johnson said he was inclined to consider "fatally defective"; second, the omission of provision for the subway loop under Arch, 8th and Locust streets he declared to be illegal.

Mr. Johnson upheld the legality of the two ordinances drafted by Director Taylor providing for a \$30,000 loan and a special election which were first introduced into Council.

The news of the Johnson opinion spread with great rapidity and there was general rejoicing among civic, fraternal and labor organizations and corresponding depression among the members of that small group of politicians and Councilmen who have attempted to obstruct the Taylor plans.

This latter attitude was well reflected by John P. Connelly, chairman of Council's Finance Committee, who, upon the news of the trick ordinance, told by the EVENING LEDGER of the Johnson opinion, Connelly replied:

"I have nothing to say. I have no comment to make."

"The two ordinances which you have drafted are thoroughly well drafted to accomplish the intended purpose of the amount to be expended be \$30,000,000 or \$50,000,000," said Mr. Johnson in his opinion.

TAYLOR'S VIEWS UPHOLD.
Mr. Johnson's opinion was the result of a letter sent on February 20 by Director Taylor asking his opinion relative to the legal status of two ordinances marked A.1 and A.2. The first refers to the desire of the corporate authorities of the city to increase the indebtedness of Philadelphia in the sum of \$30,000,000, and the second authorizes and provides for the submitting to the electors of the question of increasing the indebtedness to the same amount.

In the latter Director Taylor pointed out that it was agreed that the sum of \$30,000,000 should be reduced to \$5,000,000, but that the Finance Committee, instead of reporting the ordinance, reported one which signifies the desire of the corporate authorities that the indebtedness of the city shall be increased in the sum of \$30,000,000 or \$50,000,000, based on the assessed valuation of taxable personal property. The Director asked if it was not a fact that the increase in the indebtedness of the city should be increased in the sum of \$30,000,000 or \$50,000,000, based on the assessed valuation of taxable personal property.

He also asked information as to the effect of passing the ordinance providing that the increase in the indebtedness

Concluded